GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRE TRIAL BARGAIN
CHANDRA NATH SINGH

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Panel moots pre-trial bargain to cut backlog` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 7, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
(SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b)&(c):The news item relates to the recommendations made by the Law Commission pertaining to plea bargaining in the context of huge backlog of criminal cases pending at the trial stage. The recommendations of the Law Commissiona are under examination.